

ROAMING INDICATORS FOR MULTI-MODE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES

ABSTRACT

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A method (400) and a multi-mode wireless communication device (700) for identifying a preferred system are disclosed. The multi-mode wireless communication device (700) receives (404) preferred roaming list information (“PRL”) including system identifier information such as System Identification, 10 Network Identification, and Service Set Identifier, and enhanced roaming indicators (“ERI”) associated with the system identifier information, transmits (408) a request for functionality extension table information, receives (410) the functionality extension table information, identifies (414) a currently available preferred system based upon the system identifier information; and conveys (416) information 15 indicative of the identified currently available preferred system based upon the functionality extension table information.